

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
November 20, 1995

The regularly scheduled November Council meeting was called to order by President Glass at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the November 20, 1995 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Glass, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile, Mr. Kory - (7:55 p.m.), Mr. Krupa, Mayor Robert Morgan, Solicitor: Dan Lovette (8:20 p.m.), Engineer: Ron Walker, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Hilltop Ambulance-Jim Dailey

ABSENT: West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Fire Chief-Mike Butler.

VISITORS: Helen Barrick 100 Milton Street Bonnie Crossen 723 Diamond Blvd.
Pete Chiodo 939 Menoher Blvd. Lary Koval Playground
Bob Burgo Chiodo Subdivision Curt Davis 221 Mabel Street

President Glass introduced and welcomed Mr. Curtis Davis a newly elected Council person. Mr. Davis will attend meetings and observe procedures.

At this time President Glass asked for approval of the October 16, 1995 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Krupa made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hannah Alley Mr. Walker reviewed with Council and the visitors the costs, plans, grading and specification of the proposed Hannah Alley paving. The 4 utility poles in the right of way will have to be moved in order to provide a 16' alley. Mr. Walker has talked with representatives of Penelec and GTE to determine what will need done in order to remove the poles. Easements will be necessary from the residents where the poles will be replaced. Mr. Walker told Council that we need to send a letter to Penelec and GTE requesting that they move the poles. The estimated costs for grading, paving and draining are \$23,000. There are 8 property owners who would share in the cost of this construction based on the foot frontage of their property. Mrs. Barrick stated the alley was in very poor condition and she asked if the Borough could fix the alley sooner than the Spring. Mr. Pullen explained that the new construction at Clark's Corner Store will tie all downspout water into the new proposed storm line. All run off water will drain across the alley into the new proposed storm sewer. There being no further question and no other objections, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept and pave Hannah Alley between Orchard Street and Diamond Blvd. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Solicitor Lovette will prepare the ordinance to accept Hannah Alley.

VISITORS: Mr. Chiodo who was representing C & D Associates in a subdivision of Parcel 1 Pinewood Restaurant, providing Parcel #2 for a proposed office building

to be located and taxed to the Borough of Southmont. A portion of this property is located in Westmont and the subdivision will be presented to Westmont Council. Parcel # 2 will be purchased from Parcel #1 and plans are for a new office building to be constructed for Inspection Engineers and an attorney. No access changes will be made. Sufficient parking is available for both businesses. All utility easements are in compliance. All building setback requirements will conform to Zoning regulations. President Glass informed Mr. Chiodo that we could approve the subdivision after Southmont Borough's Planning Commission has had a chance to review the plans. Approval will be at the December 18, 1995 meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

In Chief Havas's absence, Council reviewed the previously submitted Police Chief's monthly report. There were no questions. Revenues for the month of September were \$700.03 and \$1,094.34 for October.

HILLTOP AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Jim Dailey reported on the bids for the new ambulance. Kolaja Fire Equipment Sales was the low bidder in the amount of \$64,931.00. No new developments on merging Ambulance departments, but they will continue to talk.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 5 new building permits since the last report, in the amount of \$30,200.00. The estimated construction costs to date are \$979,305.00. Mr. Pullen noted that progress is continuing on the two BOCA Code violations. Mr. Hearn and Mr. Klanchar both are reporting on their progress each month, as outlined by Mr. Pullen.

Mr. Pullen reported on a fence violation on Leila Street. Mr. Burns had a fence installed approximately 8 years ago and neighbors reported it was only 3 years ago. A permit has since been issued to Mr. Burns and Mr. Paul Carpenter (neighbor) appears to be satisfied with the correspondence from Solicitor Lovette and what Mr. Pullen has done.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker mentioned again that Penelec and GTE request a letter from the Borough regarding the paving of Hannah Alley and the moving of the poles. Also, Grandview called to inform Southmont Engineers' they are installing pipe in a ditch near the Hospital Parking area. Mr. Bosley and Mr. Kory will check on the project.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Leventry reported on the meeting with Architects and Engineers on the status of the Fire Company's proposed new addition and what effect that would have on the Borough Building. Current Labor & Industry standards might need to be met for the Borough Building. Some of the items could be the electrical panel system, the stairway, the direction the Fire Company door opens into the hallway, and exit lighting would need to be re-directed.

However, if a new separate addition for the Fire Company could be constructed with the proper fire rated doors, Labor & Industry would not be obligated to inspect the present building.

Mr. Danyluk has requested proposals from several electrical contractors for installing a new 200 AMP, single box, one meter service in the Borough Building. He has requested they be submitted by November 28, 1995. Mr. Danyluk requested that Council approve spending up to \$4,000.00 for the new electrical service. After discussion, Mr. Pile made a motion to approve up to \$4,000.00 for a new electric service, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried. When bids are received the Administration Committee will review the bids and if less than \$4,000.00 will award a contract so that this work may be completed this year or ASAP.

Mr. Bosley had received proposals from three roofing contractors, two for installing a rubber roof on the main roof and one for a competing process.. Proposals were received from Chapple Bros, Knipple Bros., and HRC Associates. After review of the proposals Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve HRC Associates in the amount of \$6,881.09 to install a rubber roof system. Seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call:, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Council directed Mr. Bosley to make arrangements for installation ASAP weather permitting.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morgan wanted to thank the Fire Company for all their help in removing damaged trees and limbs during the snow storm. A motion by Mr. Danyluk to send the Fire Company a letter of appreciation, seconded by Mr. Pile. Motion carried.

Scuthmont Borough's franchise expires December 15, 1995 and the Steering Committee is recommending that we continue with the existing franchise agreement. Time Warner is in agreement. Consultants have the new franchise and are still in the process of reviewing and it could possibly be another month before they share the franchise with Solicitors and the municipalities governing bodies. Mayor Morgan asked to be excused at this time.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bosley's report records that routine maintenance work was performed on vehicles. New tires were installed on the 1993 truck and new tires have been ordered for the 1994 truck. The new truck has a new size tire and dealers do not have them in stock. State bid brand tires will not be in until mid-December. A new sidewalk was installed across Fountain Alley on Diamond Blvd. Used Westmont's brush chipper for 6 days throughout the Borough. Poured new reinforced concrete on 3 trouble spots on Mabel Street. Leaf machines had to be removed early, due to the snow storm. Leaves will be picked up with the front end loader, as weather permits. The 1993 truck has a transmission problem but it is under warranty. Arrangements have been made to have repairs done. We need to rent a truck to take the recycling trailer to Boswell this week. Council agreed.

Some discussion was held on the possibility of hiring a contractor to plow alleys during heavy snow storms and or the possibility of buying a third truck. Mr. Danyluk suggested looking into using private contractors for alleys, checking on prices and insurance liabilities. Mr. Bosley agreed that there are times during storms when the two trucks are not sufficient. Mr. Bosley thanked Mr. Krupa for calling in the Green Mountain Service to chip up the trees and limbs, and the Fire Company for their help removing the trees and limbs from the streets during the storm. The Fire Company was out all through the night during the snow storm.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry reported that the Street Inspection schedule has been updated with the 1995 paving and crack sealing. Most streets are in very good condition. Residents on Leila Street have signed a petition requesting that a new light be installed. After review, Mr. Leventry is recommending that a light be installed on Leila Street on the Helen Street side of Leon Street. The light should be installed on an existing pole. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor. Letters will be sent to Penelec and the residents.

Mr. Leventry scheduled a Street Department meeting for December 12, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. The Administration & Personnel Committee will also meet at this time to discuss employees evaluations, evaluation forms, extra snow plow contractors and a third truck. The Committee will discuss the States Surplus Purchasing for vehicles. Mr. Leventry is asking all Council members to attend.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No further report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reviewed the recycling chart of credit and expenses. To date we have received \$658.24 in credits from our garbage contractor for the decrease in volume because of our recycled materials. Mr. Danyluk reported on notice to receive final payment for our Recycling Grant. We should receive \$2,349.20 within the next few weeks.

Newspaper collections will begin in the Spring. We have put a notice in the Newsletter informing residents to begin saving newspapers. We will handle all the volume ourselves until we see how much participation we receive. Collections will be two Saturday mornings per month.

POLICE COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported on Chief Havas's report of the Rape Task Force group set up after the recent rape on an Upper Yoder Township resident. The Police Department has installed a new computer and a new accounting package is being written by the Lewis Group. Mr. Pile submitted the 1996 Police Budget to Council it is up about 5.3%, due to salaries and wage increases in the Department and they have hired a full time Secretary to help with reports, do accounting and receive calls. Southmont Borough will pay \$111,100.00 in 1996.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

No report. A dividend was received from FWF Insurance in the amount of \$193.21, because of their safety package. The Public Employees Liability expires in January, information for quotes have been forwarded.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that the Budget Committee met and prepared a tentative budget for 1996. The Committee was conservative on the income and liberal on the expenditures. We should have a substantial carry over for the new year. Specific salaries will be set later, but monies have been included for the salary package. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the 1996 tentative budget and to advertise for final adoption at the December 18th Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

President Glass recommended the possibility of decreasing taxes by possibly 1.5 mills. This would be approximately \$16,000.00. After discussion it was decided to continue this discussion at the December 12th meeting. Any building renovations can be done over a four or five year period. Currently we do not have any major projects in the near future, and if something unforeseen would come up, taxes could be raised. Taxes were last raised in 1986. A motion by Mr. Rodgers to approve the budget package and have the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance for approval at the December meeting, seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported on Arborist, Robert A. Crusan's evaluation of twelve trees in the Borough for structural stability and hazard potential. Mr. Krupa reviewed the evaluation and felt the report concluded basically the same as what Mr. Krupa and Mr. Maser reported. Recommendations are to remove several of the trees, which is being done this week. Also many trees and limbs have been damaged during the snow storm and Green Mountain service came in and removed and chipped up the limbs and trees. Any snow damage done and costs will be transferred as needed. The Newsletter is ready for final review and will be mailed early in December.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported that the Recreation Commission will repair the water damages at the Ridge. The Commission will meet at the Westmont Borough Building on December 6, 1995; this will be a combined November-December meeting. Mr. Pile reviewed the Commission's 1996 budget to Council. There is a 10.7% increase over 1995 because of the two new playgrounds built in 1995. This didn't allow much of a carry over. All activities are doing very well. Mr. Rodgers asked if the Commission is following the long range plan submitted to Council. Mr. Pile felt they could return to the plan soon, the playgrounds changed the direction of the plan probably for the next year or so. The Borough's contribution to the Recreation Commission is 1 mill.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported only that we are waiting for the contract from the Consultant.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Danyluk reported on the invitation to attend the COG Christmas dinner, December 1, 1995. Drug and Alcohol testing is being done for CDL drivers. Southmont Borough does not have any CDL drivers. We have budgeted monies for 8 days of sewer cleaning services thru COG; agreements will be sent after the first of the year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette prepared and advertised Ordinance 397 providing for the installation of sidewalks. Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve Ordinance #397, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor. Solicitor Lovette has filed a preliminary objection to the Kenney/Borough-Peregory suit. The hearing is scheduled for November 30, 1995. No further report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records a 1994 Liquid Fuels Audit was done by the PA Bureau of Municipal Services and was approved. Letters have been mailed to residents who are two or more billing periods behind in their sewer and garbage fees. Payments are being made, some in full.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records a balance of \$239,606.14 in the General Fund for October 1995. Mr. Leventry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$1,282.61 collections for October Real Estate, and \$110.00 collections for Per Capita. Total collections of \$1,392.61. Mr. Pile made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa to pay the bills in the amount of \$33,430.56. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Danyluk reported the Air Conditioner was installed October 25th, 26th and 27th.

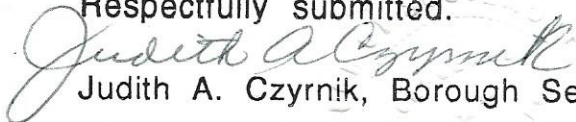
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Danyluk is looking for another quote for the Chapin Arch re-pointing. The Tax Hearing for the Pappinchak property was canceled and will be re-scheduled. Mr. Danyluk ask Solicitor Lovette to read the letter of October 16, 1995 from Grandview giving us permission to do work at the Arch and assume the liability involved. Solicitor Lovette stated the liability would be ours and the contractor we hire. Solicitor Lovette felt we should also notify Penn Dot that we are requesting permission to work in their right of way.

Mr. Danyluk has requested proposals from several electrical contractors for a new 200 amp service. Proposals have been received from several Engineering firms. These will be reviewed at the December 12, 1995 meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 10.05 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted.


Judith A. Czyrnik, Borough Secretary